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PATENT

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Applicant: Ralf Ehricht et al.

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Title: MICROCHIP MATRIX DEVICE FOR DUPLICATING AND
CHARACTERIZING NUCLEIC ACIDS



RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 21, 2003, Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I (claims 1-19). Applicant respectfully cancels remaining claims 20-24 (Group II) without prejudice, and reserves the right to reintroduce them in a divisional application at a later date.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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